

## Minutes

Pacific Northwest Swimming House of Delegates

10 May 2003

King County Aquatic Center

**Attendees:** 67 voting PNS members present, representing 35 clubs (41 coaches, 26 non-coaches); 10 Board members

Meeting called to order by General Chair David Coddington at 5:04 pm

The minutes of September 28, 2002 Fall HoD meeting approved as presented.

**Opening remarks by the General Chair** Dave Coddington recapped the first annual PNS Swimposium as a “roaring” success. Dave acknowledged and recognized the efforts of all parties involved with the Swimposium and the meet calendar. Dave also acknowledged that the PNS is in strong financial standing and shape. Bookkeeping had been a concern at the time of the September 28, 2003, meeting, but currently 2001 and 2002 taxes have been filed.

Dave announced that the 2003 USA annual convention will be held in San Diego. For the budget, Dave asked the vice chairs to look at the quadrennial for planning purposes. He also noted upcoming events – board of directors’ elections (see Bob Regan), the annual awards banquet, and the Hall of Fame.

### Reports

**Senior Vice Chair** Doug Rusk reported on Spring Nationals. Twenty-five swimmers from eight teams represented PNS – 15 individual and 10 relay only. The swimmers’ combined efforts resulted in two top-8 finishes, seven top-16 finishes (5 individual, 2 relay), two PNS records broken, and five Olympic Trials cuts.

Washington Open – coming into the HoD meeting, no club had bid to host the meet. Doug is working with Bob Regan and GSSA to keep the meet alive. There appears to be enough support from GSSA to put a bid in for the meet.

National funding – PNS funding is \$550 per swimmer or coach for nationals.

**Program Operations** Lyle Campbell thanked meet directors and Linda Vicik for their work with the meet sanctioning process. He reminded the delegation of the meet directors’ meeting on July 14 for 2003-4 meet directors. Location to be either Federal Way or Seattle University.

Lyle reported on the Challenge meet format that was developed four years ago to promote team togetherness. Each combine Challenge meet weekend averaged 1400-2000 swimmers per weekend, and 9,000-11,000 swimmers per weekend. Lyle thanked Jim Wagner for compiling the Challenge meet results.

A participation study indicated that 4700 swimmer were registered – 63 percent girls and 37 percent boys. A report will be out in the fall on dropout swimming in the PNS.

**Age Group Vice Chair** Neil Beck reported on Western Zones. The goal for the 2003 PNS Zones team is 80 swimmers. Bag tags and flyers were sent to swimmers who have qualified for Zones. Numbers for the meet have decreased and the goal is to generate more interest and to do so earlier in the season. An FAQ on Zones has been put together and available on the PNS website. Any question beyond the FAQ should be directed to Neil. Neil also noted that short-course yard time standards are only used as consideration times.

**Administrative Vice Chair** Gayle Crawford reviewed the general rules for the swimming program. There were three changes over the course of the year. Index AD-97-08, where the change shifts date to where coach attests that swimmer is registered. This will allow meet exception report. Any clubs that want news posted as part of Club New should email Gayle.

**Program Development Vice Chair** Annette Stockwell recapped the Swimposium and thanked everyone who was a part of the event. There were 195 participants. Annette introduced and thanked the presenters – Milt Nelms, Kim Holmes, Mike Llwellyn, Keiko Price, and Frank Ching. Annette also thanked Dane Wolfrom for taking over the Technical Planning side of Program Development.

**Finance Vice Chair** Mike O’Shea thanked Jody Woodruff for a fine job as Treasurer and mailing off the tax returns on time. There is a series of CDs of approximately \$80,000, renewed with four-years advance. PNS has \$268,000 in

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assets and \$369,000 in liabilities, and as of April 21, 2003, a net profit of \$57,000. Overall the association came in within budget projections.

**Officials Committee** Ken Breiding announced that there are 40 meet referees in the LSC, so the requests received for meet referees have dropped significantly. He also was pleased to report that there are 215 certified, active and available to work officials in the association, compared to the 100 when he first started as officials' chair.

**Safety & Training** Kate Sipe briefed the association on the new water depth (4-foot minimum) for starts. She also reviewed who to file Reports of Occurrences with – the Safety Chair and PNS Office, USA Swimming Risk Management, and Peak Insurance. Addresses can be found on the Report of Occurrence forms. Updated forms are available on the PNS website. Kate reminded the delegation to get swimmers and coaches registered as quickly as possible for insurance purposes. The third quarter 2002 accident summary through September 30, 2002, shows PNS is doing great job. Send any upcoming classes or request for classes to Kate.

**Elections** Bob Regan solicited the House of Delegates for interested parties for the PNS board of directors. Elections are coming up at the Fall House of Delegates. Anyone interested should let Bob, Dave Coddington or Colleen Buchanan know. The association needs to fill the following positions filled: a junior athlete representative, senior athlete representative, three board of review members, one alternate board of reviews member, two at-large representatives, secretary, finance chair, program development chair, age group chair, and general chair.

**Pool Update** Mike Dunwiddie presented King County's proposition 1 for parks and recreations to the delegation. He announced that they are marketing the KCAC to bring in new sources of revenue. The marketing campaign includes TV ads and brochures. Mike reviewed the Economic Impact Study, which the county spent \$20,000 for. The study shows that every \$1 spent by the County generates \$5-6 for the economy. Mike then asked the House of Delegates to do its part. Bob Regan then made the push to members of the House of Delegates to vote "yes" on Proposition 1 and to talk to others to vote "yes."

### **Meet Calendar**

Dave Coddington moved to accept the Technical Planning Committee's meet calendar as presented. The motion was seconded. A motion was made to accept bid from the GSSA to host the Washington Open on 1/29-2/1/04. The motion was seconded and passed. Dane Wolfrom indicated that KING would submit a bid for an age-group long-course meet for 6/12-6/13, with time standards faster than Champs. Motion passed.

WAVE Aquatics made a motion to move its Pyramid meet from 5/15/04 to 5/1/04. The weekend of May 1 is a senior special meet weekend. The motion passed to change the meet weekend to allow an age-group meet.

The motion was made to approve the 2003-4 meet calendar as amended. The motion carried.

### **Report from USA Swimming**

USA Swimming president Ron Van Pool thanked the efforts of the presenters at the Swimposium for an outstanding job. He reminded the delegation if there are any questions, to feel free to ask. He went over the challenges faced by the association from the last HoD meeting

Ron also highlighted USA Swimming news, including the search for National Team director, the USOC, the doping code, right to participate, emphasis on clubs, and background checks.

Ron commended the PNS for being active and informed.

**Guest speaker** Mike Llewellyn then addressed the House of Delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next House of Delegates meeting:** Saturday, September 27, 2003.